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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS FURNISHED TO THE DEPART-
MENT SPOKESMAN AUGUST 30 ON AN IF ASKED BASIS:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED
BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEES OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY
OF SCIENCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA
(P. 28 WASHINGTON POST, AUGUST 30)?

A: WE HAVE SEEN EXCERPTS FROM THE JOINT STATEMENT
REPORTED IN THE PRESS BUT HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE FULL TEXT.
BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE HIGHLY RESPECTED PROFESSIONAL
GROUPS AND THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FACILITATED VISITS
FROM THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 6 WITH PUBLIC
ASSURANCES FROM THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL
COOPERATE FULLY WITH IT. AS WE HAVE STATED REPEATEDLY WE
HAVE BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN
ARGENTINA. WE HAVE RAISED MANY OF THESE REPORTED CASES
WITH THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES AND HAVE SOUGHT INFORMATION
FROM THEM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK SUCH INFORMATION. VANCE

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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